

## AIRPLANES WILL WIN WORLD WAR—DANIELS

Motion Pictures Show French Activities to Board of Trade.

"This war is going to be won in the air," declared Secretary of the Navy Daniels, at a patriotic meeting held last night under the auspices of the Washington Board of Trade at Central High School, which was attended by more than 3,000 persons.

As spokesman for the administration, Secretary Daniels declared that Washington had contributed more liberally to the liberty loan and then to the Red Cross fund, in fact had showed exemplary patriotism from the very outset of the war. The other chief speaker of the evening was Capt. Amour de La Grange, of the French Army, who delivered a short address in which he declared that while France at the outset of the war had only a hundred or so airplanes, it now has thousands, and needs many thousands more.

In opening the meeting, E. C. Brandenburg, president of the Board of Trade, stated that the Board had for 17 years been interested in forwarding the interests of Washington and its citizens, but that in view of present war conditions and the fact that Washington as the Capital of the nation ought to set an example to the rest of the country, it had been decided to hold a meeting to show that the people of Washington stand heartily behind the Administration in its scheme to build a big aeroplane fleet. He then produced the speakers of the evening.

Secretary Daniels, talking for the Administration, referred to the great debt which the United States owed France and which for the first time it had the opportunity of repaying. He declared that in a very few days legislation now in process of enactment would provide for the creation of an aviation fleet costing approximately \$700,000,000. This fleet, he predicted, would probably play the most important part in the war.

Capt. La Grange, who for more than two years has served with the French army, and who is in this country with the French war mission, expressed the hope that the two eagles—the American and the German—would soon be fighting in the skies and that the American eagle would triumph.

At the conclusion of Capt. La Grange's address, motion pictures which arrived last Saturday from the French war office in Paris and were shown the first time on that date to 200 members of Congress, were given the first public exhibition in this country last night.

## CHALLENGE MICHAELIS

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speculative dispatches as the "stop gap." But the gap that the political bloc slashed into the "system" is too wide and yawning to be stopped by a Michaelis or a Ludendorff.

"The gap" has been automatically "stopped" by virtually swallowing the system. Upon its ruins towers the new all-powerful Reichstag majority.

Credit Thresh Not Needed. One hammer in the hands of this majority in tomorrow's momentous session will be the vote on the \$10,000,000,000-mark credit bill (\$3,750,000,000). But it is believed the threat of withdrawal of this vote will be needed. Indications accumulated through the day that the new chancellor is fully in accord with the peace resolution, the introduction of which will form the basis of the new government. It is a resolution which only an out-and-out annexationist could refuse to endorse. For while it declares against annexations and indemnities, it is equally emphatic in the assertion that as long as Germany's enemies refuse to subscribe to this formula, the empire stands as a solid wall against all comers.

That the conservatives, through the medium of one of their leaders in the Reichstag, or one of their comrades among the big army chiefs will attempt some coup to save off, or prevent a flat footed governmental subscription to the bloc's peace formula, is by no means held impossible. However, the bloc is too strong to be so strong that any such attempt is expected to be in gloriously defeated.

When Bethmann-Hollweg declined to accept the formula, the bloc leaders went on a strike. They refused to meet for the plenary session. If Dr. Michaelis declines they are expected to "strike" by refusing to adjourn until they have won. An end to the probably extremely bitter debate would ensue in that case.

There were no developments with regard to ministerial vacancies today. Dr. Michaelis is expected to announce new appointments tomorrow. Dr. Zimmermann, the retiring foreign minister was mentioned today for the German ambassadorial post in Constantinople. Count von Bernstorff's friends are playing a waiting game, believing he is big enough to take

## CONCRETE MACHINE GUN PITS

The Germans, having sounded the knell of the permanent concrete fortress with the destruction of the defenses of Liege, Namur and Antwerp, have now themselves adopted the concrete and steel construction in certain blockhouses and pits for machine guns which form the subject of an illustrated article in the Scientific American.

The pits or concrete field fortresses are particularly ingenious. These consist of three independent, circular pits, irregularly placed. A large subterranean chamber is used for the storage of ammunition; from this the pits are supplied with lead to the pits. The chamber is connected in turn with the trench system by a long subterranean passageway. Each pit has a dome-like top which rises only a few feet above the surface of the ground. A narrow horizontal slit, behind high, circumferential armor, through this one man operates a machine gun.

The emplacement is, of course, concealed as far as possible by brush, debris or the art of camouflage, since once the allies' airmen locate them, they become artillery targets and are soon demolished. These pits are used in a lesser extent by the allies whose field fortifications are generally much less elaborate and permanent than those of the enemy—doubtless because the former do not anticipate remaining long in statu, so to speak.

It is urged in Great Britain that absolute prohibition would result in a saving of \$60,000 tons a year in ships for the overseas transportation of food.

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## Food and Work in Germany But Prices Are Exorbitant

Writer Says Teutons Have Passed the Lean Week and Living Conditions Have Improved in Country.

By KARL VON WEIGAND.  
(Staff Correspondent of the International News Service.)

Copenhagen, July 12. (By mail)—Money, enough money, will accomplish wonders even in the severely rationed Germany. And if there is one thing that is plentiful in Germany today, it is money. "Money and connections" enables a person to eat better than his neighbor. And despite the severe prosecution, by the authorities, the profits of "contraband trade," in certain articles of food, are so great that at no time during the war has this trade been greater in Berlin than during Germany's "leanest weeks" this spring. With even unskilled labor getting 50 cents an hour with every member of the family who wants to, working, everybody has money and is willing to spend it for food. It takes time to make "connections" and to get "on to the ropes" in the market, but more than your share of the food.

"Ganze schamiz," or "goose fat," for the bread is a delicacy few can obtain, with cheese selling at \$15 to \$20 each. "Goose" bread, to which Germans as great a delicacy as caviar to the Russians, is now \$1.50 to \$2 a pound. A medium-sized ham costs \$15 to \$20.

German People Eat Less. The German people, perhaps never as lean as they do today, and certainly never paid as much for it. They have gotten through the "leanest weeks" of three years, between February and the present time, with 250,000 tons of grain to still come out of Rumania, up to July 15, and the aid of vegetables and green stuffs, when flour from new crops will begin to be available.

On the whole, it is very difficult to form any accurate idea of how much or how far the "hunger blockade" has touched the vitality of the German nation. A number of instances came under my personal notice, in which persons affected with tuberculosis, rapidly void of fat and died. Had they had proper food and plenty of it they would probably have recovered. Some of them even recovered. Among the healthy and robust, it might almost be said that the enforced simple life has improved the appearance of the Germans, on the whole. The "equator" or "national waist line" of Germany has shrunk many hundreds of yards. In many instances roundly has given way to something like angularity.

"The Bay Window" effect, especially in the "masculine scenery" is disappearing fast. The "big beer" tumblers are not so often met with. In walking about in the workingmen's districts, I was struck, however, by the observation that there was an increase of "pallor," quite general to all.

No Deaths From Starvation. I heard of occasional cases of men doing heavy labor collapsing, but not of a single case of death from actual starvation. That the lack of milk, butter, fats, for so long a period, will not be without its effect upon the constitution, of very young children, seems a reasonable conclusion.

About 1,000,000 children from the age of three to five were scheduled to be sent to the farms, in the provinces, for the summer both to assist with the crops and to get the benefit of more and better food. Up to the time I left Germany, over 40,000 had already been sent from Berlin to East Prussia.

Summing up my personal observation on the food situation, and what I judged as being reliable information from others, I would feel justified in concluding that the lack of the German people and their acceptance of "dictated terms" from starvation alone, is still a constant factor in the German situation.

Anti-prohibition Version of a Popular Song. Oh, boy, oh, joy, what shall we drink this year? They've put the ban on booze, but choose To smile on wine and beer! So what will we do for alcohol? Why, there's plenty of "dope," don't fear! Oh, boy, oh, joy; that's what we'll drink, not beer!

Courage, honest bar flies! While there's life there's "dope." Never mind if the government does double-cross the rye, like the lassie in the old Scotch ballad, and don't you care if Congress does take the bun out of bourbon. There'll be plenty of alcohol still obtainable for those who don't care what it tastes like so long as the good old jag still waves. And where will you get it? Well, to be exact, there are precisely 746 notable concoctions now listed by the Department of Internal Revenue each and every one of which, to use the barker's language, contains its hefty little share of alcohol, and which can be purchased on almost every corner. Not a single one of them will be prohibited under the food bill now before Congress. Not a single one pays a Federal revenue tax on its manufacture.

The Wozy Should Worry. So, although whisky should be no longer manufactured and the present shortage of it in price to double or quadruple their prices of last month, even though the costs of wine and beer climb skyward in sympathy with those of whisky, like the sympathetic little fellows they are, there will still be cheap jags obtainable for all.

It is easy to picture a scene in any saloon in the near future. For Enter carmine-nosed individual, who takes his stand at the bar after pawing at the brass football in the good old fashion. Whisky has been off the bar for weeks, no one but millionaires having the price of a thimbleful, der, hopefully: "Horrach, miss' me up Jamaica Ginger cocktail, wif' chaser Feroz China-Titanium on a side!"

Horrach, firmly: "Nottin' doin', old top. You know as well as I do that

there is 78.93-100ths per cent pure alcohol in the Jamaica Ginger cocktail alone, to say nothing of 16.38-100ths per cent of alcohol in that 'chaser.' What do you want to do, have me call an ambulance to take you to Blockley?"

Carmine-nosed individual: "Well, gimme a straight drink of Kickapoo Indian Sagwa if you're goin' to be doggone careful of me, then."

Horace: "Oh, Very well, take Your Sagwa. There's only 7.6-10 per cent of alcohol in that—only about twice as much as there is in a glass of beer."

Carmine-nosed individual spends the rest of the afternoon moodily drinking Sagwa and is ejected after he sags beyond utterance.

And so with festive dinner parties. Instead of opening a bottle of champagne, which contains less than 12 per cent of alcohol and which might cost as much as \$6, the genial host removes the label from a quart of Hostetter's Bitters, which contains 25.12 per cent of alcohol and which costs only \$1 a bottle, and serves it to his convivial guests. If they are not sticklers for "bouquet," the fact will be much more lasting and far cheaper. Then there will be the men who want a nip of brandy and who will get it after the food bill is enacted by calling for ginger brandy with 12 per cent of pure alcohol. "Old-fashioned" brandy itself has only 46 per cent of alcohol and costs a darn sight more. What's the odds?

DISCOVERY TO AID PLANTERS. The Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station, after careful research, has presented to the Agricultural Department at Washington a discovery which, through use of a by-product of rice-growing, will make sugar planters independent of the huge sugar refineries, according to claims made in its favor. The station has shown that leaves of the rice-plant, separated from the straw, will produce an excellent decoloring carbon for refining sugar sirup to take the place of "bone black," a material which has made it more profitable to have a decoloring process carried out in large refineries.

Five tons of rice leaves or hulls will produce one ton of the new decoloring carbon. The material is first charred and then boiled with five to 10 per cent of caustic soda. The regeneration of the material after it has been used is accomplished by a simple reboling with soda. "One black," on the other hand, is returned in a kiln.

Rice hulls have been well known for their high-even obnoxious-silica content, which makes them useless for feeding. Silica, however, makes a decoloring compound of even greater porosity and decoloring power than "bone black." The process of decolorization is simply one of filtration. The muddy-colored raw sugar sirup is filtered through huge cylinders, filled with the compound, whether of bone or something else, and reappears in crystalline whiteness.

## Demanding Reprisals on Germans.



This photograph shows Captain Tripper, of the British army, demanding that the British raid German cities in reprisals for the killing of women and children in air raids on London. He is addressing a mass meeting at the London town hall.

There was one of a number of demonstrations in favor of attempting to prevent further attacks on women and children by carrying the war into the German homeland.

## BLAMES FOOD PRICES ON RULING OF I. C. C.

Health Department Cites Two-Day Margin to Consignees.

Interstate Commerce Commission rules allowing a consignee two days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, in which to remove shipments, are responsible in a large measure for the present food shortage, according to health authorities of the District.

During the past week, in but two cases inspected, eighteen cases of tomatoes and three crates of eggplants have spoiled because the merchant to whom they were being shipped left them in the hands of the freight agent instead of removing them promptly after notification by railway officials, Dr. W. G. Woodward says.

Both these shipments were sold at auction by the railroads after they had been refused by the consignee. They brought 25 cents a case for the entire shipment when tomatoes were selling at 75 cents and eggplant at \$1.25 a crate.

Health officials fear that not only will prices be increased by the practice but farmers may become discouraged in making shipments to the city, thus seriously affecting the supply of food.

## Autos Leave for Camp.

Versailles, France, Wednesday.—A convoy of American and British automobiles, escorted by French troops, passed through here on the way to the new camp assigned to the American troops. Most of the cars were decked with roses. They received an enthusiastic reception all along the route.

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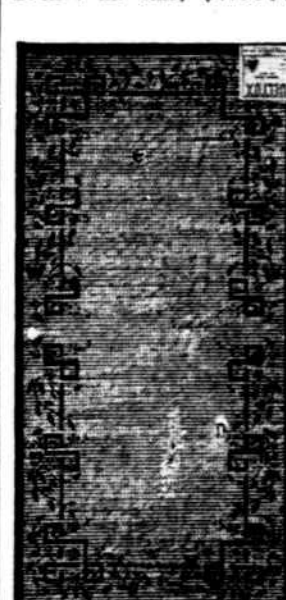
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